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INSTRUMENT AND ABSORBABLE SCREW FASTENER**

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Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

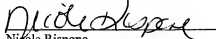
Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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